dust at the Municipal Corporation—run Hindu Rao Hospital;

(b) whether it is also a fact that unsterilized instruments etc. are used on patients and the hospital continues to use recycled metallic needles and plastic gloves and tubes instead of disposable syringes, gloves and tubes; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to go into the working of the hospital and to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Municipal Corporation of Delhi have reported that only sterilized instruments are being used. The hospital uses re-usable metallic needles and plastic gloves after observing all precautions.

**Conversion of M. N. T. Cancer Hospital into Regional Cancer Centre**

3662. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted any proposals for conversion of M. N. T. Cancer Hospital, Hyderabad into that of a Regional Cancer Centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for pending this proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) : A proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh was received in 1987 for upgradation of M. N. T. Cancer Hospital and Radium Institute, Hyderabad into a Regional Cancer Centre. The State Government was informed that no new Regional Cancer Centres would be set up or recognised during 7th Plan and the emphasis was on strengthening and improving the facilities in the existing Regional Cancer Centres. There has not been any change in the position.

**Skin problem among children due to residue of Detergents**

3663. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 80 per cent of the skin problem among children is due to residue of detergents remaining in diaper and garments;

(b) whether it is also a fact that detergents with phosphates are banned in many countries of the world; and

(c) whether Government have also taken the similar action. If not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) As per available information it is not known whether 80 per cent of the skin problem among children is due to the residue of detergents in clothes. Detergents having phosphates have been banned in some countries. In India, a detergent should not contain phosphate in order to be eligible for the use of ECO MARK.

**Opening of Unani Dispensary at Bangalore**

3664. SHRI ABDUL SAMAD SIDDIQUI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 907 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 1992 and state :

(a) whether the Government have received views/recommendations of the Central Government employees Welfare Coordination Committee, Bangalore for setting up a new Unani Dispensary at Bangalore;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations/views of the Committee; and

(c) what steps Government are taking in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.